

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-9 are currently pending. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (hereafter AAPA) in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,214,668 to Brinster (hereafter Brinster). The Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections for the following reasons.

The present invention is directed to a simple power supply at 12 volts resulting from a higher voltage, especially 42 volts. The voltage is able to be supplied at low cost, while providing protection for the electrical components, which is equivalent to that of a typical 12-volt protection network. Thus, the present invention is intending for modifying, at low cost, an existing protection network into a supplying network the input of which is 42 V and the output 12 V. Such features are neither taught or suggested by Brinster.

Brinster discloses a DC voltage regulator, for use in supplying a constant output voltage when energized by a variable unidirectional input voltage (column 1, lines 8-11).

Thus, even if one of ordinary skill in the art were to combine the teachings of Brinster and the AAPA, the combination still would not include all of the features as recited in claim 1

Accordingly, claim 1 is believed to be distinguishable over AAPA in view of Brinster. Moreover, claims 2-9 are also believed to be distinguishable over AAPA in view of Brinster based on their dependency from claim 1.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1948-4768.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1948-4768.

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